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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2016

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 20, 2014

An act to add Section 51207 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2016, as amended, Campos. Pupil instruction: sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention.

Existing law prescribes required courses of study in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and requires the adopted course of study to include instruction, as provided, at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels.

This bill would require, on or before March 1, 2017, the State Board of Education, based upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to-adopt consider adopting age-appropriate content standards for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention, including information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused. The bill would also require the state board, based upon a recommendation by the Superintendent, to consider including information in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention in the Health Framework for California Public Schools when next revised.

The bill would authorize school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide age-appropriate instruction, pursuant to

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the content standards adopted by the state board, for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, as applicable, in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. The bill would provide a procedure for excusing a pupil from that instruction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 51207 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51207. (a) (1) On or before March 1, 2017, the state board shall, based upon the recommendations of the Superintendent, the state board shall adopt consider adopting age-appropriate content standards for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention, including information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused.

- (2) The state board shall, based upon a recommendation by the Superintendent, consider including information in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention, including information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused, in the Health Framework for California Public Schools when next revised.
- (b) (1) School districts, county offices of education, and charter *schools* may provide age-appropriate instruction, pursuant to the content standards adopted by the state board under subdivision (a), for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, as applicable, in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention.
- (2) Upon written request of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, a pupil in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, shall be excused from taking instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention established pursuant to this section.